

and Episcopal High School. He was on the vestry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, belonged to and at one time served as president of the Salem Rotary, and served on the Roanoke County Planning Commission.

Mr. Waldrop was preceded in death by his first wife, Harriett, his second wife, Anne "Dickie" Dickson Jordon Waldrop, and grandson Adam Thomas Waldrop. He is survived by children Kathryn Kerkering (Tom), Caroline Buckman Haddock, Louis Stephens "Steve" Waldrop Jr., Preston Adam Waldrop (Jamie), Harriett Ann Waldrop, and Laura Doub (Bruce); thirteen grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. I offer them my condolences on the loss of Luke Waldrop, a member of the Greatest Generation who changed Salem for the better over his many decades in business and in service.

HONORING HOPE REYES LUGO AS  
THE 2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hope Reyes Lugo, whom I have named the 2020 Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in San Bernardino, California, Ms. Lugo was the oldest of 13 children. At just 24 years old, she moved with her husband and family to Napa, where they settled permanently. Originally finding work on small farms, Lugo picked up extra jobs to support her family, enrolling her children in the community Head Start program with the hope of giving them better lives.

Never one to leave her family's wellbeing in the hands of others, she joined the parent policy council and became a Head Start instructor. Earning the trust and admiration of our community for her advocacy on behalf of farm workers and her poor neighbors, she was later appointed to the Napa County Council for Economic Opportunity (NCCEO) Board of Directors. Graduating to the role of Executive Director in 1970, she served with pride and distinction for 30 years. Throughout her tenure as director, she took on numerous other civic and philanthropic responsibilities, including membership in the Napa Latino Leadership Organization and the President's Commission on the White House Conference for Children and Youth.

Our community and the nation have recognized Ms. Lugo for her leadership numerous times. In 1990, the Department of Health and Human Services bestowed the National Head Start Award on her for providing an exceptional education to her students. Ten years later, the city of Napa further celebrated her impact on children by dedicating the Hope Lugo Child Development Center in her honor. Most recently, in 2014, the Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce awarded her the Building a Legacy Award to Ms. Lugo for near-

ly six decades of distinguished service. Though her accolades are many, Hope takes the greatest pride in being matriarch of a large, devoted family. A caring mother, a dotting grandmother, a cherished great-grandmother, and a teacher in the truest sense of the word, she has intimately shaped the experiences of children across generations.

Madam Speaker, Hope Lugo is a great friend and has dedicated her life to the communities and people she holds dear. It is therefore fitting and proper we honor her here today as Napa County's 2020 Woman of the Year.

MILITARY RETIREE SURVIVOR  
COMFORT ACT

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act," with Congressman MIKE TURNER (R-OH) as the original cosponsor.

The late Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R-NC), my dear friend and our beloved colleague, sponsored the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" every Congress since 2002. I am honored to continue his work on this critical, bipartisan legislation to protect military families from completely avoidable bank overdrafts following a veteran's death.

Specifically, the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" would allow the spouse or other designated survivor/beneficiary of a veteran to retain the full retirement benefit paid out in the final month just before or coinciding with the veteran's death. Under current Department of Defense policy, that final month's retirement benefit may be clawed back on a prorated basis if the family fails to immediately notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) of their veteran's death.

Military families with joint bank accounts, into which retirement payments are deposited electronically, are often unaware that DFAS can claw back overpayments without the account holder's consent. This results in joint bank accounts being drained of funds, subjecting veterans' families to overdraft fees and avoidable financial hardship following a veteran's death.

The "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" would finally end this needless and callous DFAS practice for any retirement benefit received in the month for which a veteran was alive for at least 24 hours. Military families grieving the loss of their loved one should not be penalized for an accounting oversight by the Department of Defense.

As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I plan to make the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" a major priority during this year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join me and Congressman TURNER (R-OH) in cosponsoring this bipartisan and commonsense bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAMMY  
MACLAY

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tammy MacLay on receiving the Exceptional Dedication Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Tammy is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital, where she has selflessly served patients for more than 33 years. Though her specialty was teaching hospital staff safe practices, she never hesitated transition into work in the Critical Care Unit with COVID-positive patients during the pandemic.

Tammy exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the patients at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Tammy on this achievement and thank her for her service to our community.

JESSICA GUTIERREZ QUEZADA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Gutierrez Quezada for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jessica Gutierrez Quezada is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jessica Gutierrez Quezada is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jessica Gutierrez Quezada for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING VIVIAN HIMELICK

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vivian Himelick of Fayette County, Indiana.

Vivian served as the Republican County Chairwoman of Fayette County. She committed her time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for her service.

Not only is Vivian a successful businesswoman, she is also a fervent leader and volunteer in her community. Vivian is actively engaged in civic and community endeavors,